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MEMORANDUM

To: Legislative Oversight Committee Members
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From: Mike Moseley

Re: Communication Bulletin #083
LMEs Selected for the HB 1473 Legislative Pilot
for LMEs to Reduce State Psychiatric Hospital
Usage



I am very pleased to announce the Local Management Entities (LMEs) that have been selected to participate in the Hospital Pilot project required by Section 10.49 (s1-s5) of HB 1473. The four (4) LMEs selected are: CenterPoint, Mecklenburg, Smoky Mountain and Western Highlands Network. CenterPoint is served by John Umstead Hospital (which will be closing and replaced by the new Central Regional Hospital in March 2008) and Mecklenburg, Smoky Mountain and Western Highlands Network are all served by Broughton Hospital.

The four selected LMEs will receive funding to reduce State psychiatric hospital use and to increase local services for persons with mental illness. The Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services is very excited about the potential of these pilots to demonstrate a model that aims to provide more appropriate care to consumers in their home communities and reduce the use of state hospitals. Collaboration among all State facilities, LMEs and providers will be crucial to the success of this pilot project. Cooperation among all groups and stakeholders is greatly appreciated.

Laura White, Team Leader of the State Psychiatric Hospital Team of the State Operated Services Section is taking the lead on this project, accompanied by the joint leadership with Bonnie Morell, Team Leader of the Best Practice Team within the Community Policy Management Section. Laura White can be reached at 919-855-4700 or at Laura.White@ncmail.net and Bonnie Morell can be reached at 919-715-2774 or at Bonnie.Morell@ncmail.net. We congratulate CenterPoint, Mecklenburg, Smoky Mountain and Western Highlands Network on their successful applications and look forward to working with them on this endeavor.

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